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Charles Carpenter
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Burgos, Spain

Dear Charlie,

We were happy to receive your letter of March 20. You are so good in your correspondence with your spiritual father and founder. He loves you very much and thanks both Jean and yourself for your prayers. I am glad to hear you are taking a class on spiritual direction. It would be good, if you keep all of your class notes, and I am sure you have been doing just this.

Father wants you both to acquire a facility in Latin over the summer vacation. This is the most important language for the priest. The Fathers and Doctors of the church wrote and conversed fluently in Latin. They were masters of this most sublime language above all others. For centuries seminarians studied in the latin language, and Father Aloysius himself had his exams and studies in the Latin language. How can a priest of today fully comprehend the many papal encyclicals, apostolic exhortations, and the documents of Vatican II which are all written in latin?

By no means are you to come to the United States for your summer vacation. Our friends and benefactors would think poorly of this, even if your charter flight is inexpensive. People would think it frivolous for you to return to the States at this time. Secondly, your coming would reflect adversely on Father Aloysius. As much as Father would like to see you again, there are some in Father's community who would misunderstand the M.A.P. These persons would think that the M.A.P. is trying to out do the Claretians and confuse people. Further, they would think that Father has not given up directing the M.A.P. but has actually asked that you come to the United States. All of this will cause Father much suffering.

Father wishes you both to stay together for the summer and learn latin. You can ask Father Alonso if he needs some assistance, and if he can find some monastery or family where you can live during the summer. For your subsistence you could be teachers of English. Father said if Father Alonso doesn't arrange these things, then you should write to Father Aloysius' brother, Joseph, and he could arrange something

P.S. Father asked that you write a note to Judge & Mrs. Early. Thanking them for their support, etc.
- Also, do not be influenced by Mrs. Hara. She wants you back in S.A. this summer and this would hurt Father. He asked me to send you word of her intentions, and to disregard her pleadings.

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for you both. Finally, you could both go to Rome for the summer explicitly to study Latin. This would be a nice change for you. Once you are priests you can then learn other languages when the need arises. For the present, though, master Latin and you will have no regrets. This is Father's sincere hope for the M.A.P. Stay together for the summer, learn Latin converse with yourselves in Latin, and become fluent. You should not be independent from each other, but work as a team as Christ sent his apostles in pairs to the various places. Remember that Father has provided you with friends and benefactors so you should not concern yourselves with making a lot of money over the summer vacation.

Consult by letter with Father Alonso. if he does not help you Father's brother Joseph could find a place for you in Barcelona or by Maretere where you could prepare the children in English, and the family would pay you. By no means come to America. Father's provincial will allow Father to write to you and counsel you in difficulties, but it can never appear that Father is actively working for the congregation. If you came to America Father will suffer.

I am so happy that you both are progressing nicely in your priestly studies. I wish Jean would write us more about his progress and studies, which Father Aloysius would be so pleased to hear about. I hope and pray that you continue to support each other as true friends and Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration.

Sincerely yours in the Most Blessed Sacrament,

Kevin Manion

P.S. My new address is: 3311 W. 3rd, Apt. #247
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